

**House File 328 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing the multivitamin regimen pilot program in  
2 school districts to be administered by the department of  
3 education.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — MULTIVITAMIN REGIMEN  
2 PILOT PROGRAM.

3 1. The department of education shall develop and oversee  
4 a multivitamin regimen pilot program beginning no sooner than  
5 August 23, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024. The department  
6 shall establish the pilot program in twenty-five school  
7 districts in this state.

8 2. Under the pilot program, the department of education  
9 shall work with participating school districts to facilitate  
10 the administration of multivitamins to students enrolled in  
11 the school district at the beginning of each school day. A  
12 student shall not participate in the pilot program unless  
13 the department provides the student and the student's parent  
14 or guardian with information related to the pilot program,  
15 including the multivitamin that will be administered under the  
16 program, and the student and the student's parent or guardian  
17 consents in writing to the student's participation in the pilot  
18 program. The student or the student's parent or guardian may  
19 discontinue the student's participation in the pilot program at  
20 any time by providing notice to the department or the school  
21 district in which the student is enrolled.

22 3. The department of education shall coordinate with  
23 the participating school districts to develop the resources  
24 necessary to carry out and evaluate the effectiveness of the  
25 pilot program.

26 4. The department of education shall, in coordination with  
27 the participating school districts, submit a report to the  
28 general assembly on or before May 31, 2024, that evaluates  
29 the effectiveness of the pilot program. The report shall  
30 include information related to the number of students who  
31 participated in the pilot program, the academic performance of  
32 the students who participated in the pilot program, and whether  
33 and under what conditions the pilot program should be extended  
34 or expanded. The report shall not include any personally  
35 identifiable information related to students who participated

1 in the pilot program.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
4 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill establishes the multivitamin regimen pilot program  
6 in school districts to be administered by the department of  
7 education (DE).

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The bill requires DE to develop and oversee the pilot program  
9 beginning no sooner than August 23, 2023, and ending April 30,  
10 2024, in 25 school districts.

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The bill provides that, under the pilot program, DE is  
12 to work with participating school districts to facilitate  
13 the administration of multivitamins to students enrolled  
14 in the school district. The bill prohibits a student from  
15 participating in the pilot program unless DE provides the  
16 student and the student's parent or guardian with information  
17 related to the pilot program and the student and the student's  
18 parent or guardian consents in writing to the student's  
19 participation in the pilot program. The bill authorizes a  
20 student or the student's parent or guardian to discontinue the  
21 student's participation in the pilot program at any time.

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The bill requires DE to coordinate with the participating  
23 school districts to develop the resources necessary to carry  
24 out and evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program.

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The bill requires DE, in coordination with the participating  
26 school districts, to submit a report to the general assembly  
27 on or before May 31, 2024, that evaluates the effectiveness of  
28 the pilot program. The bill establishes the information that  
29 is required to be included in the report. The bill provides  
30 that the report shall not include any personally identifiable  
31 information related to students who participated in the pilot  
32 program.